

MORTON MAY TAKE A HAND IN EXCISE. Brewers Plead with the Chief Executive to Be Given Fair Play.

Warner Miller Tells the Governor the Raines Bill is Unsatisfactory as it Stands.

A Special Rate for Malt Liquors and Light Wines is the Only Concession Asked.

ASSEMBLY MUST MAKE CHANGES.

An Amendment Suitable to Brewing Interests Providing for a License at One-Half the Fee Charged for Spirits to Be Introduced.

Albany, March 6.—The Raines bill in its present form is in danger.

The Republican machine leaders became uneasy three days ago, and their fears have been on the increase ever since.

This position is presumably based upon the argument that the more encouragement given to the consumption of beer and light wines, the better it will be for the cause of temperance.

Warner Miller also called on the Governor, as did J. Sloat Fassett, and advised the Governor that the Raines bill was far from satisfactory to them.

It is unlikely that such a change would be made in the Senate, even if the Republicans would agree to it.

Senator Guy will introduce an amendment giving the entire revenue derived from excise to the localities where it is collected.

The Democrats, however, will make the attempt on Tuesday, when Senator Cantor will introduce an amendment providing for a special beer and light wine license at a uniform rate of one-half the fee to be charged for a liquor license.

It is believed that the bill would have 85 votes in the Assembly in just the shape in which it comes from the Senate is not confined to him.

The Republican Assemblymen from cities capable, there is good reason to believe that the Platt machine will consent to the special malt liquor license.

The friends of the malt liquor license and the Germans who advocate it are willing to incorporate in this provision a stipulation to the effect that if distilled liquor is found on the premises for which a malt liquor license has been taken out, the mere finding of such distilled liquor will be sufficient evidence of the violation of the law.

Early this morning the Legislative Committee of the Brewers and Malsters' Association appeared at the Capitol.

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COMING EVENTS. The workers of the King's Circle Daughters will have a musical tea on March 10.

Excise Commissioner Harburger Points Out Some of its Objectionable Features.

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excused at length yesterday the speech made in the State Senate on Thursday by the father of the bill.

"If we could now have elections in every one of the cities of the State the tidal wave in favor of the Democratic party would be so great as to completely wipe out the Republican party."

"Here in our Board, for instance, there are three Commissioners. We try cases, receive licenses, and do everything else that anything and everything that is done is thoroughly scrutinized by each member and the public is held in check."

WILL DISRUPT THE PARTY. East Side Republicans Demand the Defeat of the Raines Bill.

At a meeting of the East Side Young Men's Republican Club held on Thursday night at No. 119 Orchard street the following resolutions were enthusiastically passed:

Resolved, That the Liquor Tax measure, known as the Raines bill, but pending in the State Legislature, is unjust, because the cities are thereby deprived of an income which they have lawfully earned.

Resolved, That the East Side Young Men's Republican Club of the Eight Assembly Districts, in view of the passage of the Raines bill, will not be bound to support the bill.

ALDERMEN TAKE A HAND. Suggest to the Legislature Special Features for the Excise Bill.

The Excise Committee of the Aldermanic Board had a long secret meeting yesterday, and decided to ask the Legislature to embody the following points in any excise bill that may ultimately be passed:

The Aldermen or Excise Board to grant special privileges not inconsistent with general laws; no demijohns or kegs to be allowed on sidewalks for signs; to restrict the number of saloons on a block; ball rooms to sell all night by special permit; more clearly define hotel licenses; restaurant licenses to be sold only on Sunday, and beer, wine, and mineral waters, to be sold only on Sunday.

Senator Raines Set Right. In an Albany dispatch printed in the Journal yesterday concerning charges of attempted bribery in connection with the Raines Excise bill, Senator Raines was made to set right.

It should be almost unnecessary to say that the types got mixed, and that "offered by me" was written, and was intended to be "offered by me" by mistake.

GREGORY'S PECULIAR BID. Reasons Why the Comptroller Refused to Approve His Bond.

An investigation is now being made in the Department of Public Works into the bid of Contractor John A. Gregory for laying sewers in Second, Eighth and Jerome avenues, Ninety-sixth and One Hundredth streets.

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WARRANTS FOR MARKS BROTHERS. Deputy Sheriff Wilgering received an order of arrest yesterday for Morris B. and Louis A. Marks, composing the firm of M. B. & L. A. Marks, who until recently were dealers in clothing and woolsens in Franklin street.

CITY HALL NOTES. The Aldermanic Committee on Land and Park Department has decided to call the little pond bounded by Barrow, West Fourth, Christopher and Grov streets and the City Hall square, and a report to that effect will be made next Tuesday.

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Mrs. Annie H. Sturla.

She kept a fashionable boarding-house in the Harper mansion, on Twenty-second street. The house was popular, and attracted many boarders.

COLONEL NICOL PLEASED. Says Ballington Booth's New Army Will Be a Substantial Gain for the Old Organization.

Furniture was placed in the new headquarters of Ballington Booth and his followers, in rooms Nos. 116 and 118 of the Biltmore House, yesterday.

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BOARDERS CAMP IN A DESOLATE HOUSE.

Havoc Created in Mrs. Sturla's Place by a Loan Company's Representatives.

Fashionable Boarding House Stripped Because the Landlady Owes a Trifling Sum.

SHE WINS IN A COURT OF LAW. Jury Decides That Usury Was Charged and Larceny Committed—Money Lenders Appeal the Case.

When the Harpers decided to give up their mansion, at No. 14 West Twenty-second street, last December, they rented the big twenty-four-room house to Mrs. Annie H. Sturla, who at once established a fashionable boarding-house.

At 4 o'clock on the afternoon of February 16, Mrs. Sturla was in the kitchen telling the cook to have a particularly good dinner that night. The bell rang upstairs. A servant opened the door. Seven men elbowed their way in. An eighth followed. The latter was Jacob H. Rosenheim, of the "Confidential," a Fourteenth street loan company.

It was a writ of replevin for her furniture. Mrs. Sturla had been herself unable to meet a note, had entered the "private room for ladies" of the Fourteenth Street Loan Company, borrow a paltry \$150, given a chattel mortgage on part of \$3,000 worth of furniture as security, and had failed to meet the demands of the concern.

Mrs. Sturla scolded, pleaded, stormed and did everything but cry. She is of bluegrass stock, and prides herself on not giving way to tears. But to no purpose. They had the law and physical force on their side. Mrs. Sturla had only indignation, mortification and seven servants. So they worked on.

LOCKED ALL THE DOORS. Mrs. Sturla is a handsome woman, with a fine head of blond hair, a trim figure, is about thirty-five years old and not without wit. While filling the ears of the complainant, Rosenheim, with usages, she slipped a note into the hands of a servant, instructing her to lock the doors all over the house.

At this juncture Count Von Slinzezye walked in with a face that showed milk and grief. His hat Hungarian blood, rose givings. Mrs. Sturla's excited explanation, he peremptorily ordered the marshal and his men to get themselves hence.

For reply eighteen elegant pictures that graced the walls were taken down, five roll-top desks were rolled away, the parlor was made a dreary waste, twenty windows were stripped of their twenty pairs of rich lace curtains, and the hall was robbed of its fine gilt mirror.

Next a carpet an inch thick, that was tacked to the floor of Mr. Spath's room, was taken. It was being put into the van when Mr. Spath stepped in. With an axe in his hand he rushed out and recovered it. There was no argument. Nobody doubted it was personal property.

DINING ROOM STRIPPED. It was nearing the hour for dinner and other boarders began to arrive. Their horror was great, but it became greater when the dining room table—the table that filled a big room by itself—was ordered reduced to sections and put in the vans.

At last it seemed that the whole list had been checked. But there was yet one item—the beds. It called for them all, with mattresses.

The Sturla boarding house family dines at 6:30—always promptly on time. But 7 came and so did 8 and 9 and there was no dinner. The stove was there yet, and so were the dishes, but there was no table and no chairs. The emergency called for heroic effort. Everybody lent a hand—furniture, carpet merchants, counts—and as the neighbors were near, plenty of chairs were soon flying through the front door.

It was now time to "turn in." There was not a bed in the house. So the men had to go to hotels. Count Von Slinzezye went to the Marlborough and paid the clerk \$3. As the bedspreads had been overlooked, the women decided to sleep on the floor. While summing about for an extra blanket a servant found a Harper heirloom in the parlor. It was a mahogany bed, and when put together was found competent to accommodate seven of the women side by side.

Mrs. Sturla contracted her loan June 25, 1895. The loan was \$150, for four months at 6 per cent. But Jerome Melville, who, it is thought, constitutes the loan company, but who says he is only the agent of Joseph Howell, of California, declared he must have \$52.50 commission. Mrs. Sturla afterward found that the note was payable on demand, and September 4 a man who said he was Howell called and demanded his money. By agreeing to pay \$35 more commission and making a \$50 payment Mrs. Sturla secured an extension. This made it a loan at 200 per cent interest. Unable to meet subsequent demands, Mrs. Sturla was dispossessed, as already told.

MRS. STURLA WINS IN COURT. In an action against the company last Tuesday, charging it with usury, grand larceny, perjury and misdemeanor, before Justice O'Gorman, in the Eleventh District Court, Mrs. Sturla was sustained by a jury after four minutes' deliberation. She got up the next morning at 4 o'clock to serve papers for recovery on the marshal, but the latter could not be found all that day. At 8 o'clock that night he called on Mrs. Sturla, and before she could serve her papers on him he served on her a notice of appeal by the loan company.

George C. Coffin, of No. 234 Broadway, Mrs. Sturla's lawyer, says the marshal's attitude has not been that of a disinterested man.

A number of complaints have been received by the Parkhurst Society, charging the loan concern with usury, and the Fidelity Loan and Trust Company, of Nassau street, volunteers to prosecute such cases.

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